

A BOMB IN KANSAS CITY

HOME OF ITALIAN SALOON KEEPER BLOWN UP.

Explosion Followed Receipt of a Threatening Letter Demanding Money—No One Injured.

Kansas City, Missouri—A threatening anonymous letter, received Monday, demanding that he pay \$5,000 to friends was ignored by Antonio Armenio, a prosperous Italian saloon keeper and property owner. Early Wednesday morning, while Armenio and his family slept on the top floor of the apartment house owned by Armenio at 550 Gillis street, someone removed a brick under a stone window ledge, placed a bomb in the hole and exploded it with a time fuse. Part of the building was wrecked, but none of the Armenios were injured. The force of the explosion, shown by the condition of the house, indicates that the bomb was intended to kill the entire family. Armenio believes the anonymous writer made good his threats.

The letter received Monday was the second Armenio received. The first was sent a year ago, demanding \$5,000. It was written in English. Armenio went to the appointed place, but saw no one. He gave the letter to the police. No name was signed to the letter received Monday. It was written in a scrawling Italian hand and warned him that unless he paid the money "to friends" it would go hard with him and his family.

BOLD OKLAHOMA BANDITS.

Stand Off Citizens of Wellston While Robbing Bank.

Muskogee, Oklahoma—Five robbers dynamited the bank at Wellston, Ok., east of here, early Wednesday, and after exchanging many shots with the citizens, escaped with \$5,000. No one was hurt.

The robbers heavily armed rode into Wellston after midnight. They erected a barbed wire barricade around the bank and while some members of the gang went to work on the bank safe, others stood guard. The citizens were soon up in arms and a lively exchange of shots with the robbers followed. The robbers, however, were well armed and protected and for two hours they stood off the citizens while their comrades worked on the bank's vault. When they finally succeeded in gaining the money it contained the five men rode off covering their departure with a constant and heavy fire. It is believed that 200 shots were exchanged, but no one is believed to have been hurt.

THE PITTSBURG SCANDAL.

May Be No More Arrests for Grafting There.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Indications are that there will be no more arrests in connection with the city's councilmanic scandal in the immediate future. There is also a belief that is steadily gaining new supporters that the Voters' league, which started the probe into the municipal body, when it caused the arrest of several councilmen, and two former bankers Monday night of last week, was forced to act before the plans of its detectives were fully matured, bank examiner Harrison Wesbit's discovery of a note in one of the national banks serving as a city depository, which it is alleged compromised two of the officers of that bank.

A Los Angeles Plant Burned. Los Angeles, Cal.—The plant of the Pacific Coast Syrup company on the east side was almost completely destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock Wednesday night. Loss estimated at \$70,000.

The West Virginia Mine Disaster. Roanoke, Va.—The latest news received at Norfolk & Western railway headquarters here from the Lick Branch coal mine disaster, is to the effect that 22 dead bodies have been removed. Eighteen miners have crawled out unaided and five others have been brought out alive by rescuers. It is now believed that from 35 to 50 men remain in the mine and there is no hope entertained that any of them are alive.

Music Teachers at White House. Washington, D. C.—Teachers of music from colleges and conservatories throughout the country, who are attending the annual convention of the Music Teachers' National association, were received by President Roosevelt Wednesday afternoon.

They Smuggled Chinese. Boston, Mass.—Harvey C. Daly of the schooner Freddie W. Alton and Philip M. Springer, a Boston florist, were found guilty in the United States district court Wednesday night of conspiracy to smuggle Chinese into the country.

DEATH IN MINE EXPLOSION.

Twelve Are Dead and 25 Entombed in West Virginia.

Bluefield, W. Va.—Twelve men are known to be dead and probably 25 more were entombed as the result of an explosion which occurred in the Lick Branch colliery, owned by the Pocahontas Coal company, the largest coal mining concern in Southern West Virginia, Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock. It is not known exactly how many men were in the mine at the time.

The men leave the mine after what is known as the "run," and many of the 52 at work Tuesday were not in the mine when the explosion occurred. At 11 o'clock Tuesday night 18 of the entombed men had been taken out of the colliery alive. They were not injured seriously enough to make their removal to a hospital necessary. The management of this property it is said, had provided every device known to mining experience and science to insure safety and it is thought that the trouble originated in an abandoned but connected working in the western division of the mine.

A WHITE HOUSE DEBUT.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt Makes Her Formal Bow to Society.

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt's youngest daughter, Ethel, Monday night made her formal bow to society, preceding the dancing in the East room of the White House, which began at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Roosevelt received the guests in the Blue room. Miss Roosevelt's gown was of soft white satin trimmed with crystals, while that of her mother was of dark blue satin.

Seldom has the East room held a more attractive picture. The invited guests numbered about 400, only unmarried members of the younger set participating in the dancing.

Preceding the ball, Miss Roosevelt was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Bacon.

ENGINEERS TO VISIT CANAL.

The President Invites Experts to Accompany Mr. Taft.

Washington, D. C.—The president has invited the following engineers to accompany President-elect Taft on his trip to Panama: Arthur P. Davis, chief engineer of the reclamation service, Washington, D. C.; John R. Freeman, Providence, R. I.; Allen Hazen, New York City; Isham Randolph, Chicago; James D. Schuyler, Los Angeles, and Fred P. Stearns, Boston.

Alfred Noble of New York City was the first engineer invited by the president, but he was unable to leave his present work.

Found Smuggled Chinese.

El Paso, Tex.—Employees of the Southwestern railroad Saturday found 11 Chinese in a box car at Duran, N. M. The aliens were taken into custody. The Chinese were plentifully supplied with water and provisions and had been sealed in a car billed from Redlands, Cal., to Chicago.

Indiana Monuments Dedicated.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Sixteen monuments and 53 markers, erected by the state of Indiana to the memory of the soldiers of that state who were killed here during the civil war were dedicated Tuesday and formally transferred to the United States government.

Cold Wave in Europe.

Paris, France—Western Europe is in the grip of an exceptional cold wave. France has experienced a veritable blizzard accompanied by a heavy fall of snow. Traffic in the streets of Paris is paralyzed but the lakes in the parks are gay with skaters.

Oklahoma Will Wait.

Guthrie, Ok.—Oklahoma's prisoners in the Kansas penitentiary will not be immediately returned to the state, the board of control Monday deciding to suspend operation of its order of Dec. 24 until the result of the joint investigation is made known.

Another Conservation Conference.

Washington—It was announced at the White House Sunday that a conference looking toward the conservation of the natural resources of North America would be held at the White House February 18 next.

Prominent Odd Fellow Killed.

Madison, S. D.—Peter Marquardt, past grand master of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows of South Dakota was run over by a switch engine and killed in the railroad yards Tuesday.

Oppose Lower Tobacco Duty.

Hartford, Conn.—Several hundred growers of tobacco met Monday and decided war on the proposition to lower the tariff on tobacco.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Find a Hog Cholera Serum.

As a result of perfecting a serum that is an anti-toxin against hog cholera, the Missouri agricultural college guarantees the state legislature that, with an appropriation of \$45,000 a year, it will save the farmers of Missouri from one to five million dollars annually. The agricultural college announces unequivocally that it now is prepared to vanquish hog cholera. The serum is drawn from what is known as a hyperimmunized hog, the fibering being removed so as to prevent clotting. The serum is treated with small quantities of carbolic acid and when kept in a cool place can be preserved from six to twelve months.

Lived in Jackson 70 Years.

Jacob Leader, 94 years old, a resident of Independence since 1838, died the other night in that town. His body was found in bed. He came to Missouri in 1838 and lived near what now is Englewood station on the Independence electric line. A few years later he moved to Independence and engaged in business. He was a woodworker and was for 40 years with the firm of R. Weston & Co., which was one of the prosperous firms in the early days of freighters across the plains.

To Develop Missouri Mining.

The state board of geology will ask the legislature next month for \$60,000 for developing the economic resources of the state in 1909 and 1910. The board held a meeting at Jefferson City and closed up the work of the last two years. If the legislature appropriates the necessary funds the work of the state geologist will be directed the next two years along the line of developing the coal, oil, natural gas, lead, zinc and iron industries.

Saloons Gave to Charity.

More than \$1,000 was given to charity at St. Joseph as the result of Mayor A. P. Clayton's request of the saloon keepers. The mayor's wish was that, instead of giving free drinks on Christmas, as was the custom of the dramshops, the proprietors should eliminate the free drinks and give one-tenth of the day's receipts for charitable purposes. All of the saloon keepers accepted the plan, and the proceeds were \$1,135.

Looking Up Twine Plant.

Representative Charles F. Carter of Clark county says that early in the session of the legislature he will introduce a resolution to investigate the output of the penitentiary twine binder plant. He says that last year he induced a number of the farmers in his county to order their supplies from the prison, and that in every instance where investigations were made there was a shortage.

Firemen Saved Ten Lives.

Ten persons were rescued from the third story of a department store building at St. Joseph by firemen. The fire caused damage estimated at \$15,000. Three families lived in the building. They were asleep when the fire broke out. By the time they awakened the flames had cut off every possible escape. The firemen jut up ladders and carried them from the house.

The Jail Made Him Sick.

W. R. Fowler, a former clothing merchant, has sued the city of Springfield for \$5,000 damages. He alleges that he contracted tuberculosis while confined in the city jail one cold Saturday night while drunk. He says in his petition that there was no fire, beds or bedclothing in the jail.

Missouri Woman Burned to Death.

Mrs. John Persley, aged 44 years, wife of a former hotel man of Sedalia, was burned to death there in an explosion following her attempt to light a fire in her cook stove with coal oil. Her son, Jesse, aged 24 years, and her daughter, Pearl, aged 18 years, who went to the rescue of their mother, were badly burned. The girl will probably die.

Won't Perform Marriage Ceremonies.

Judge Charles Nowland, who was appointed by Gov. Folk as presiding judge of the Buchanan county court to succeed Judge John L. Leonard, has announced that he will perform no marriage ceremonies. "I believe marriage is too solemn a rite to be performed by a layman," Judge Nowland said.

Senator Gardner's Mother Dead.

Mrs. Maria Gardner, wife of Thomas W. Gardner, of Sedalia, fell and fractured her right hip and died from her injuries. She was 76 years old. Senator A. E. Gardner of St. Louis county, is a son.

More graduates of all the British universities except Oxford are found in the Wesleyan Methodist ministry this year than in 1907.

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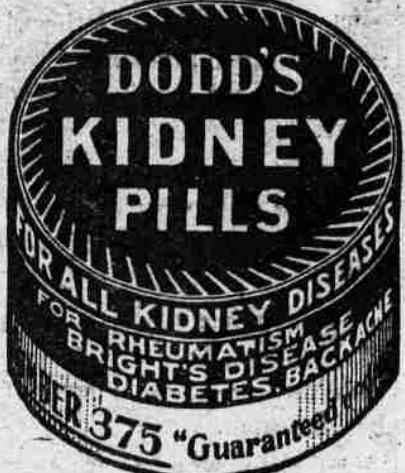
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PROOFS OF PROGRESS — IN SEATTLE

Here are two facts—just two, this time—I've a drawer full to give you—to show the sort of city we have up here on the "wonderful Puget Sound."

Bank clearings in Seattle for November, 1908, totaled \$38,810,322, a gain of \$3,000,000 over November, 1907. Building permits issued in November, 1908, aggregated \$1,253,180, a gain of 300% over November, 1907. Of this amount, \$180,000 was for a business building; the balance went into homes. YOU appreciate what home building means.

Nevertheless you'll be surprised at what you see when you come to Seattle's A-Y-P next summer. Write to me now and let me prepare you, especially regarding that great fortune-maker, Seattle's Central Business Property.

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